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YOU ARE WHAT YOU READ

We must take action toward stemming the flood of objectionable literature in our neighborhood stores. Displayed on racks for all to see and purchase, there are garish comic books which glorify sex, horror and the techniques of crime. The void created by banishing evil literature must be filled by that which is good.

There is an old proverb: "Tell me what you read, and I'll tell you what you are." Applying this adage to the people of the United States, what must be the mentality of most Americans, considering the "pap"—mistakenly called literature—on which we thrive today?

MAN SET AFIRE BY THRILL GANG

Sees NEWS Foto, Tells Cops



The Point of Shame.

There are some 300 million pocket-sized books bought by American readers. Many have innocent titles, but the contents of them are filthy. The distribution of this lewd literature is "supported by the editors of many metropolitan newspapers on the principle of 'freedom of the press.'" As one magazine aptly expressed it, they are marketed through "a sales appeal of sex and spice and things not nice."

As for comic books, out of 450 popular comics, 40% are bad for children; 50% more are on the border line, leaving only 10% unobjectionable. Many contain smutty and blasphemous language. "Others are tolerant of, and even friendly toward, the use of dope, sex perversion and crime-planning." This literature is doing a thorough job of sabotaging the morality of our youth—is doing more harm to the morals of our young people, than the schools are doing good. This is quite a disturbing result.

Mr. James Bobo, a Baptist, and associate counsel to the Senate Judiciary Sub-committee on Juvenile Delinquency, stated recently in Cincinnati, that the nation is fighting a "losing battle" against printed filth. He said that approximately 100 million comic books are published every month, and that about one-fourth of them are in the "horror-crime" class. He stated: "One of the most alarming features of juvenile delinquency today, is that youngsters of 14 or 15 are committing more crimes of violence—robbery, rape, even murder—than ever before." He is convinced that many parents "have no idea what their children read, what company they keep,"

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS

The following confidential report of the Joint Meeting of the Executive And Administrative Committees of the American Jewish Congress is being printed not only to give the reader first hand information on the vast organization of this group but to also make public, information which was excluded from the trial of Rabbi Joachim Prinz and the American Jewish Congress. Because of the successful attempt to keep vital information and evidence from the jury in this trial Common Sense is going to publish the facts in following issues. The total citations taken from the Un-American Activities Committee on some of names following amount to approximately 200.

JOINT MEETING OF EXECUTIVE AND ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES Thursday, June 3, 1948 — Hotel New Yorker ATTENDANCE

Members:

Mr. Samuel Adleman, Mrs. Frank Abrams, Joseph R. Apfel, Mrs. Fan Baron, Mrs. Esther Bass, Rabbi Shepherd Z. Baum, Samuel S. Angelson, Mrs. Arthur Blumenfeld, Manny Boikes, Mrs. H. Borowitz, Henry L. Burkitt, Rabbi Jonah Caplan, A. Cohen, Harold B. Cohen, Morris Cron, Nathan Dinkes, Henry Doliner, Nathan L. Edelstein, Ben Epstein, Albert Ertischek, Rima Feinberg, Lee Feltman, Jack Ferber, Mrs. Ida Fisher, Mrs. L. Flisdrager, Dr. Morris Fond, Mrs. Fred Freeman, Mrs. I. Friedman, Norman Gerstman, George Gold, Dr. Raphael Gold, Mrs. Leah Goldberg, June Gordon, Mrs. Ruth Gotoff, Mrs. Josephine Grossman, Miss Ruth Grumer, Mrs. E. Gureasko, Adeline Halpern, Ida Halpern, Meyer Helfinstein, Judah Hellman, Mrs. Lewis Hilton, Mr. and Mrs. Milton M. Jacobs, Albert E. Kahn, Seymour Kashner, Louis Katz, Mrs. J. Kulchin, Samuel Landy, Mrs. Henry Lazare, Herbert Levine, Wm. Leuner, Mrs. I. Lippman, David M. Litwin, Ben London, Mrs. Mae Margoshes, Dr. Alfred J. Margove, Murray A. Meyerson, Rabbi Irving Miller, Nathan Miller, Mrs. Morris Minkus, Mrs. Benj. Morel, Mrs. Lewis Moroze, Mrs. L. Oringer, Nathan M. Padgug, Mrs. Joseph Pascal, Sam Pevzner, Mr. and Mrs. Shad Polier, Estelle Price, Rabbi Joachim Prinz, Leon Quat, Mrs. Leo Raishel, Dr. Marvin Rauch, Mrs. Bessie Reiss, Leon Rosen, Isidore Rosenberg, Ruth Rosenfeld, Louis Rosensweig, Sam Rosenwald, Sol Rotenberg, Mrs. Edward Sachs, Isidor Sachs, Mrs. Sylvia Sachs, Gedaliah Sandler, Mrs. C. Satinsky, Irving Savell, Rabbi Herman W. Saville, Mrs. Ruth

Sawitch, Mrs. Jean Schnee, Max Schoenfeld, Mrs. Lou Schwartz, Max Schwartz, Leo Shapiro, Mrs. Philip Shapiro, Isadore Silverman, Hyman Skora, Charles Sonnenreich, Mrs. Raphael Soyer, Samuel I. Spector, Arthur Stein, Benjamin Steinman, Hon. Adolph Stern, David Stoneman, Mrs. Walter G. Strauss, Harvey L. Strelzin, Max Tachna, I. Teitelbaum, Sol Vail, Arthur Weinberg, Louis A. Weissman.

Guests:

Mrs. M. Cohen, Dorothy Epstein, Mr. Frankle, Phila., Mr. Garfinkle, D. Goldstein, Mrs. Arthur Herskie, Mrs. Isidore Horowitz, Mr. Katzman, Mrs. K. Krautheimer, Mrs. Beth Levin Siegel, George Starr, Hannah E. Sumray, Mrs. Louis Wald, Dr. Leon Kubowitzki, Dr. I. Schwarzbart, Mrs. Kate Knopfmacher.

Staff:

M. Blumberg, Samuel Caplan, Jay Freid, P. Greenwood, Bernard Harkavy, Will Maslow, Dr. David Petegorsky, Leo Pfeffer, I. Toubin, Esther Einbinder and Esther Kolatch.

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AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF ADMINISTRATIVE AND EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES

Thursday, June 3, 1948 — Hotel New Yorker

The joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Administrative Committee of the Congress was called to order by Rabbi Irving Miller, Chairman of the Executive Committee, who presided at the afternoon session. The Chair expressed regret over Dr. Wise's absence because of illness.

The minutes of the May 6th meeting of the Executive Committee, corrected to include the resolution adopted on the Mundt-Nixon Bill, were approved as distributed.

REPORTS ON CLSA — CCI

Reports on the major projects of the Commission on Law and Social Action and of the Commission on Community Interrelations were presented by Mr. Shad Polier, Chairman of the Executive Committee of CLSA, and Dr. Alfred

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CANDIDATES FACE-TO-FACE—Opponents in U. S. Senate race Clifford P. Case, Republican (left), and Rep. Charles R. Howell, Democrat (at right), smilingly greet each other and Mrs. Marcus E. Nusbaum and Benjamin Epstein, both of American Jewish Congress, at forum in home of Abraham Melik, Maplewood.

According to the bulletin issued by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith April, 1955, Clifford Case, senator from New Jersey, took part in the ADL New Jersey Advisory Board meeting. Case and Charles R. Howell, both candidates for United States senators at the time took part in the American Jewish Congress meeting, October 4, 1954.